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SUBJECT: ALLEGED SYRIAN MILITARY PRESENCE IN TYRE AND NABATIYAH

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1. THIS EMBASSY WAS ALSO PUZZLED BY FAHMY'S ASSERTION (REFTEL A) THAT "SYRIA HAS TOKEN CONTINGENTS IN TYRE AND NABATIYAH." ALTHOUGH SOME BEIRUT NEWSPAPERS HAVE REPORTED DURING PAST WEEK THAT ASF DEPLOYMENT TO THESE CITIES HAS BEEN AGREED ON, OUR INFORMATION INDICATES SYRIAN/ASF FORCES HAVE NOT RPT NOT ADVANCED FURTHER SOUTH THAN ZAHRANI, AS STATED TO CHARGE BY PRESIDENT SARKIS AND ASF COMMANDER AL-HAJJ.

2. OUR REPORT (REF B) THAT SAIQA HAS REOCCUPIED FORMER OFFICES IN TYRE AND NABATIYAH AS WELL AS SIDON WAS FROM EMBASSY FSL WHO WAS TOLD THIS BY GOL PARLIAMENTARY DEPUTY FOR SIDON. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NO INDEPENDENT CONFIRMATORY INFO, SUCH A MOVE BY SAIQA WOULD BE LOGICAL IN VIEW OF ITS RECENT REASSERTION OF ITS PRESENCE IN LEBANON. ALTHOUGH PLO HAS ACQUIESCED IN THIS ACTION, WE DOUBT WHETHER SAIQA HAS RETURNED IN ANY STRENGTH BEYOND SYRIAN LINES.
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